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Risk Integrated System of Cleanups (RISC) Subcommittee

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: October 29, 1998
Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., Room 233
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 2

Members Present: Sen. Kent Adams, Chair; Sen. Glenn Howard; Marvin Gobles; William Goffinet; Regina Mahoney.

Members Absent: Rep. Dale Sturtz.

Sen. Adams, Chair of the Risk Integrated System of Cleanups (RISC) Subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Tom Linson, Branch Chief for the Office of Solid and Hazardous Waste Management within the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), provided Subcommittee members with a document explaining the status of RISC policy development.¹ IDEM is incorporating public comments into the RISC Technical Manual and will reissue it in January 1999. The draft programmatic user guides will be issued in January 1999 also. The RISC software will not be available by January 1999 as was hoped. IDEM hopes to reissue both the Technical Manual and the user guides again later in 1999.

In response to questions from Subcommittee members, Mr. Linson noted the following:

- IDEM is not contemplating another formal comment period for the Technical Manual. However, IDEM is open to suggestions and comments on it. There will be a formal comment period for the

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draft user guides.

- IDEM hopes to train employees and implement RISC by midsummer.
- An internal IDEM steering group evaluates the public comments. A smaller advisory group evaluates the technical comments. Tom Linson and Bob Moran evaluate the policy comments.
- Any additional comments on the Technical Manual should be fairly focused and much easier to address.

Sen. Adams suggested that IDEM identify outside interested parties to participate in its internal RISC groups in order to receive more diverse input. Mr. Linson indicated that he would consider it. Bob Moran, Branch Chief with the Office of Environmental Response, commented that IDEM has been meeting with outside groups.

Mr. Moran provided the following documents to Subcommittee members²: (1) RISC Main Concerns; (2) Response to Comments on Initial Draft Document; and (3) copies of overhead transparencies used at RISC outreach meetings. Mr. Moran then reviewed cost comparisons of RISC versus both the Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) and the leaking underground storage tank (LUST) program.³ Mr. Moran explained that there are no significant cost differences for site characterization and remediation between RISC and the VRP. There is a significant cost savings potential for remediation of LUST under RISC.

William Goffinet commented that he hopes IDEM expands the number of people around the state who are qualified to perform cleanups.

In response to questions from Marv Gobles, Mr. Moran indicated that the maximum level of contaminants allowed in the soil under the VRP has not had any negative impact on sites involved in the VRP. He indicated that he does not know if it has impacted any sites not in the VRP. Mr. Moran added that the RISC default approach is very conservative so that it can apply to almost any site.

Interested parties made the following comments and recommendations regarding the RISC program:

- It would be better for IDEM to meet with all outside groups at once instead of talking to each group individually. This would allow each group to learn what the others are saying.
- Interested parties should be able to submit formal comments on how the Technical Manual and the user guides work together.
- IDEM should create a work group to oversee the RISC program.
- There should be a longer transitional period for the implementation of RISC.
- A number of issues are still unresolved.
- Currently, whether a company may or may not use the RISC principles depends on which IDEM program manager the company deals with.
- There needs to be more consistency.
- There is still a lot of work to do on the program.
- RISC will have a negative impact on brownfields.

Sen. Adams adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

²These documents are on file in the LIC (see footnote 1).

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